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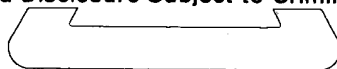
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TWENTY-FOUR PIECE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS
OVRUCH HQ TANK DIV/AB AL-1, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST TWO 24-PIECE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS (BN) WITH SOVIET COMBAT MANEUVER REGIMENTS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE 23RD TANK DIVISION (TD) AT OVRUCH HQ TANK DIV/AB AL-1 IN THE CARPATHIAN MILITARY DISTRICT ON _____ IMAGERY.

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2. (S/D) REMARKS: ONE 122MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER M-1974 BN WAS IN THE DIVISIONAL MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT (MRR) AND THE OTHER WAS IN THE TANK REGIMENT (TK REGT, NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC). THE HOWITZERS WITH THE MRR WERE PARKED IN THREE GROUPS INDICATING EIGHT-PIECE BATTERIES. THE 24-PIECE BN WAS NOT PRESENT ON _____ BUT MAY HAVE BEEN FORMED _____
- _____ ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE TK REGT ARTY BN WAS NOT SEEN, THE POSITION AND PARKING PATTERN OF THE HOWITZERS OBSERVED IN A REVIEW OF SEVERAL COVERAGES INDICATES A PROBABLE 24-PIECE BN IS PRESENT. THIS BN WAS PROBABLY ALSO FORMED BETWEEN _____ AND _____ INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE EXISTS TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OF SUCH BATTALIONS WITH THE OTHER TWO MANEUVER REGIMENTS OF THE 23RD TD OR WITH THE DIVISION'S ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

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(S/D) SINCE AT LEAST 1979, EIGHT-PIECE BATTERIES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN NON-DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ASSETS THROUGHOUT SOVIET FORCES. ITS APPEARANCE WITHIN THE 23RD TD, A UNIT IN WHICH THE SOVIETS TRADITIONALLY EXPERIMENT WITH NEW UNIT STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT, IS A LOGICAL STEP WHICH PROBABLY PORTENDS A TREND WITHIN COMBAT MANEUVER DIVISIONS. _____

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3. _____ COORDINATES 51-19-49N 028-47-58E

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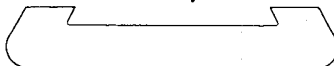
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